



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

None of us, either within the NIH community or on the campus periphery, could have anticipated the consequences of the events of September 11 in terms of how Federal agencies respond. We have heard from many people about the proposed perimeter fence, its design and siting and its purpose. Their concerns appear to be focused on several things—the impression that the fence will serve to restrict community access to the Medical Center Metro and the fear that the fence will serve to “close” NIH to the public.

Please be assured that NIH intends to be considerate and careful as we plan and implement security measures. To the extent that NIH has an effective approach to security, we protect our internal employee population, our data resources and buildings, and our neighbors!

As you may know, for nearly 8 years, NIH has had a substantial and successful program of community outreach and involvement. NIH is working with the community to ensure that access is maintained for the Metro and that a perimeter fence is attractive, is consistent with its surroundings, and reflects community input in its design and siting.

We are engaged with our neighbors and local and civic government through the NIH Community Liaison Council (CLC), which advises NIH on its master plan and on issues of concern to the community. NIH is working closely with the community through the CLC on the update of the 1995 Bethesda Campus Master Plan, and because of the interrelatedness of the master and security plans, the Council will be working with NIH on issues related to the proposed fence.

I invite you to access my office’s Web site <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>, which provides minutes of the Council meetings and information about community and NIH activities.

With assistance from our neighbors and colleagues, we are confident of a security plan that will enable NIH to perform its critical mission in a collegial, safe, and secure environment. As always, I as well as my colleagues at NIH are available to answer your questions and help address your concerns.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, April 18, at 4 p.m.**, in Building 45, Room D on the NIH campus.

NIH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

OCL Director Wins Alpha Award

Janyce Hedetniemi, director of the NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL), received the prestigious Alpha Award for 2002 from the Montgomery County Women's Fair committee last month in recognition of her role as the first director of the OCL at NIH. The award, which recognizes Montgomery County women who have achieved a "first," was presented to Hedetniemi at the annual Montgomery County Women's Fair in Silver Spring. Fair representatives said Hedetniemi has a long history of experience and involvement with county advocates and community members. Her work has pioneered a path for other women to emulate. Past recipients of the award include:



Hedetniemi with Rep. Morella

- 2001: Ruth Kirschstein, M.D., first female director of an NIH institute
- 2000: Carol Mehrling, first female Montgomery County police chief

Share the Health Comes Back

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual *Share the Health: An Exposition of Health Resources from NIH to Its Neighbors*. This free community health forum, sponsored by the NIH Office of Community Liaison, will be held on **Saturday, October 26, 2002**, at the Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH Campus. Once again, the forum will offer exhibits by NIH institutes, lectures and discussions on health issues by renowned scientists, stroke and blood pressure screenings, relaxation workshops, children's activities, and more. The whole family can enjoy refreshments and activities and leave with a wealth of health information. For more information, contact Terry LaMotte at 301-650-8660, tlamotte@palladianpartners.com, or visit the *Share the Health* Web site at <http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov>.



NIH Named Member of the Month

The Maryland Department of the Environment named NIH as the Businesses for the Bay Member of the Month for May. This honor recognizes members that



Capt. Rau (right) shows off the NIH mercury-free campaign t-shirt.

have made outstanding contributions or innovations in pollution prevention. NIH received this recognition for its efforts to become mercury free and to reduce pollution to the surrounding community. Activities of note included:

- Campaign for a Mercury-Free NIH: eliminating the use of mercury, both in the clinic and in the lab. This campaign will extend beyond the NIH campus, particularly to Maryland schools.
- Minimizing mixed waste streams: training users of radioactivity to explore non-radioactive methods and to train in minimizing radioactive waste. NIH has also played a key role in developing technology to destroy organic solvents in mixed wastes.
- Ozone Action Days Plan: responding to the prediction of high ozone levels. Response includes halting the use of equipment with gas engines, encouraging employees to ride the free "Ride On" bus, and requiring NIH police to use bicycles.
- Cooperation with Montgomery County on storm water management: reducing the amount of pollution in water runoff.

Businesses for the Bay is a group of local businesses, government facilities, and industries committed to preventing pollution and to reducing contamination of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. NIH joined Businesses for the Bay in 2001.

Don't Forget: The Scavenger Hunt

Montgomery Youth Works' countywide Scavenger Hunt takes place on Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Strathmore Hall Arts Center in North Bethesda. Professionals, area residents, and youth will compete for challenging clues and have a great time! There's still time to register. See the registration form enclosed. Call 301-279-3100 for more information or visit <http://www.montgomeryyouthworks.com>.

Spring is in the Air; NIH Adds More Birdhouses

Spring has certainly arrived at NIH—or at least for the birds. A variety of birds are flocking to the NIH campus, thanks to chief NIH groundskeeper Lynn Mueller. Mueller initiated a birdhouse project last year as a natural way to control insects and other pests on the campus. He considers the project successful, with at least three of the 16 houses producing bluebird babies as well as one repeat nesting. In addition, three more nests of titmice, wrens, and chickadees were found near Building 21. Due to the project's success, Mueller will expand the number of birdhouses on the campus and at the NIH Animal Center in Poolesville to help attract additional birds. At the animal facility, he wants to attract small kestrel falcons. Construction of the new birdhouse will most likely begin this month.

NIH Takes Its Children to Work

NIH employees are invited to bring their children to work on April 25 as part of the annual NIH "Take Your Children to Work Day." Children can not only watch their parents in action, but they can also go to hands-on workshops and just-for-fun activities throughout the day. Tours and demonstrations are also featured. Children can also enjoy "kid-friendly" lunches and goodie bags. Activities are free, but registration is required for some workshops. For more information, contact Joyce Starks at 301-402-6784 or at starks@od.nih.gov.

NLM Offers Free Movies Wednesday

Go to the movies for free! The National Library of Medicine (NLM) presents a public film series, *Wednesday at the Movies*, to go along with its exhibit, "The Once and Future Web: Worlds Woven by the Telegraph and Internet." The series features popular movies that explore the impact of the telegraph, computers, and the Internet on society. A guest speaker introduces each movie, then answers questions after the movie ends. Shows take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Lister Hill Auditorium in Building 38 on the NIH campus. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The films in the series, which run from April 3 to May 15, are listed below. To verify show titles and dates or for more information, visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/onceandfutureweb/upcomingevents> or call 301-594-1947.

April 3
Western Union, starring Robert Young and Randolph Scott
Speaker: Bernard Finn, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

April 10
Fail Safe, starring Henry Fonda, Jack Webb, and Walter Matthau
Speaker: Janet Abbate, University of Maryland, College Park

April 17
Edison the Man, starring Spencer Tracy
Speaker: Robert Friedel, University of Maryland, College Park

April 24
The Matrix, starring Keanu Reeves
Speaker: Lisa Lynch, Catholic University

May 1
Balto, animated film
Speaker: Chuck Howell, Library of American Broadcasting

May 8
Enemy of the State, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman
Speaker: Mark Rotenberg, Georgetown University School of Law

May 15
You've Got Mail, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan
Speaker: Katie King, University of Maryland, College Park

NIDA Launches Campaign Against Steroid Use

More and more teens across the country are using anabolic steroids to look and perform better. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is fighting back with a campaign to warn teens of the dangers. As part of this campaign, NIDA helped to develop a special, "Steroids: The Hard Truth," which aired in February on the popular television show *In the Mix*. In the special, teens talked about sports and self-image; ex-users told their stories; and experts discussed the dangers and misconceptions of steroids. Television stations across the country will also begin airing English and Spanish public service announcements about the dangers of steroids. To find out more about NIDA's campaign and ways to help your teens avoid the dangers, visit <http://www.drugabuse.gov> or <http://www.steroidabuse.org>.

New Rare Diseases Center Opens

Patients and families affected by rare or genetic diseases such as Turner's Syndrome finally have a place to go for information. The National Human Genome Research Institute and the NIH Office of Rare Diseases have opened the Genetic and Rare Disease Information Center, the first center ever to offer free access to information on these diseases. Trained information specialists will personally give you current, accurate information from reliable Web sites, brochures, articles, and book chapters. Call 1-888-205-2311 (TTY users call 1-888-205-3223) between noon and 6 p.m.; send an e-mail to gardinfo@nih.gov; or send a fax to 202-966-5689. Questions can also be sent to the Genetic and Rare Disease Information Center, P.O. Box 8126, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20898-8126. An information specialist will respond to written questions within five to 10 business days.

NLM Offers Asthma Exhibit on DVD

If you didn't get a chance to see the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) popular "Breath of Life" asthma exhibit, you may have a chance now. NLM offers a virtual tour of the exhibit on DVD. The DVD features more than two hours of video, graphics, audio, and animation, as well as open captioning for the hearing impaired.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

April 5

2001–2002 NIH Director's Seminar Series: *Molecular Genetics of the Lyme Disease Spirochete: Teaching a New Bug Old Tricks* by Patricia Rosa, Ph.D., Rocky Mountain Laboratories, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-1921.

April 7

FAES Music Series: *Emmanuel Pahud, flute*, 4 p.m., Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, \$25 adults, \$10 children. Tickets available at the door on the day of the performance. For more information, call 301-496-7975.

April 9

WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Managing a Flexible Work Environment: A Workshop for Managers*, noon–2 p.m., Room 6C6, Building 31, NIH campus, free and open to the public, pre-registration required. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

April 10

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Regulation of Receptor Trafficking by Rab GTPases* by Suzanne R. Pfeffer, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

April 15

NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR) Meeting: *Public meeting to address human research protections, public understanding of NIH research priority settings, health disparities, and environmental health science research*, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Conference Room 10, Building 31C, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-4448 or visit <http://public-council.nih.gov/COPR.asp>.

- Learn about the history of asthma.
- Find out about the surprising treatments (cocaine, tobacco, and opium) of yesteryear.
- Hear three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey describe her experiences.
- Watch what happens to the lungs during an asthma attack.

For more information, call Kathy Gardner Cravedi at 301-496-6308 or e-mail her at kcravedi@nlm.nih.gov.

April 16

WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series:

Interviewing Techniques for Hiring Officials, noon–2 p.m., Room 6C6, Building 31, NIH campus, free and open to the public, pre-registration required. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

April 17

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:

Molecular Microbial Ecology: In Hot Springs and Human Disease by Norman R. Pace, Ph.D., University of Colorado, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Lecture Series:

The Fruits of Anatomy: Charles Knowlton and Free-Thinking Medical Practice in Jacksonian America by Michael Sappol, Ph.D., NLM, 2–3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

April 18

NHGRI Human Genome Lecture Series: *Translating*

Genetic Advances into Improved Health Outcomes by Wylie Burke, M.D., Ph.D., University of Washington, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-4997.

April 23

WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Talking*

with Your Teen about Sexuality, noon–2 p.m., Room 6C6, Building 31, NIH campus, free and open to the public, pre-registration required. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

April 24

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *How*

the Ear's Works Work: Transduction and Amplification by Hair Cells by A. James Hudspeth, M.D., Ph.D., Rockefeller University, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

April 30

WFLC Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Parenting*

Skills for the Working Parent, 1–4 p.m., Room 6C6, Building 31, NIH campus, free and open to the public, pre-registration required. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

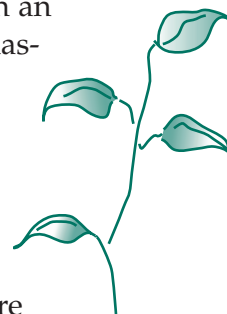
**Information subject to change. Call to confirm your event.*

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Learn “Master” Gardening Techniques

Join fellow garden enthusiasts in an opportunity to learn from the masters at the Montgomery County Master Gardener's Spring 2002 mini-conference on April 20. Participants can learn about:

- Spring clean-up basics
- Spring and summer lawn care
- How to select plants
- Resource materials



The conference takes place at the Montgomery County Extension Office, located at 18410 Muncaster Road in Derwood, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration closes on April 16 and is \$25, which includes lunch. For more information, call the Master Gardener Hotline at 301-590-9650.

Celebrate Nature with Audubon

Spring is here, and so is the Washington area's largest family nature fair! The Audubon Nature Fair takes place on May 5 at Woodend, the headquarters and preserve of the Audubon Naturalist Society. Everyone can find something to enjoy. The fair's many offerings include:

- Woodland walks for insect safaris and bird discovery
- Arts and crafts for the kids
- Nature games
- Special exhibitions
- A juried arts and crafts show
- A Junior Naturalist Scavenger Hunt
- Food and music galore

The fair takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children, and free for children under 2. Woodend is located at 8940 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase. On-site parking is limited. Free shuttles are available from the North Chevy Chase Elementary School at 3700 Jones Bridge Road. For more information, call 301-652-9188 or visit <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org/>.

Literary Festival Comes Back to Bethesda

Come out to the third annual Bethesda Literary Festival, April 25–28, in downtown Bethesda. The festival brings together 80 well-known novelists, poets, fiction writers, journalists, and authors of children's books. All events are free and will take place throughout Bethesda's many bookstores, restaurants, art galleries, and retail businesses. Celebrate the rich diversity of today's literary culture! A tentative schedule of events is listed below:



Thursday, April 25. The festival kicks off with popular guests such as National Public Radio's Diane Rehm; food writer Kay Shaw Nelson; public affairs author Marvin Kalb; Donna Andrew, author of *Strange City*; and Laura Lippman, author of *You've Got Murder*.

Friday, April 26. "Art walks" are featured through Bethesda's downtown art galleries. Enjoy works by photographers, artists, and even a puppeteer.

Saturday, April 27. Hear keynote speaker Patricia Gaffney, author of *Saving Graces* and *Circle of Friends*, and meet best-selling authors. The day also features events for young people, including a poetry slam.

Sunday, April 28. Closing events include poetry readings and children's events.

For more information, call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org>.

Faith Community Addresses Domestic Violence

Religious professionals and laypersons are invited to the Interfaith Community Against Domestic Violence's fourth annual training on April 24. Participants will speak with victims of domestic violence and participate in a clergy roundtable. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Choice Hotels International Training Center, located at 10720 Columbia Pike in Silver Spring. For more information, call Maud Clarke at 240-777-4203.

Music, Art, & Theater Abound in April at Strathmore

So much to do in one month! Strathmore Hall Arts Center offers art, music, and theater, all in the month of April. Check out the latest offerings:

Congressional Art Competition

Congresswoman Connie Morella sponsors an annual competition featuring work by high school students in the 8th Congressional District. The work that wins first place in this competition will grace the walls of the U.S. Capitol alongside other national winning entries. Artist Frances J. Call will judge the entries.

Baltimore Watercolor Society Juried Competition

The Baltimore Watercolor Society hosts a juried art competition from April 19 to May 25. This competition features watercolor paintings by artists from the mid-Atlantic states. Katherine Chang Liu, an experienced art juror, will judge the works in this competition. Art critic and independent curator David Tannous will take visitors on a tour of the watercolor exhibition on April 27 at 1 p.m. as part of his "Looking at Art with David Tannous" series.

Music in the Mansion

The Music in the Mansion concert series continues with two performances this month:

April 5, 8 p.m.

Oberlin Piano Duo

Carol Aicher, piano

Brad Hull, piano

April 12, 8 p.m.

It's Cabaret with Julian Fleisher

Julian Fleisher, voice and piano

Tickets are \$22 general admission, \$19 for seniors, and \$12 for students 18 and younger. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

Holy Cross Offers Health Seminars

April brings more health seminars sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital to the community. A fee may be required. For more information and to register, call 301-754-8800.

The following seminars are offered this month:

Colon Cancer: Knowing More Could Save Your Life

April 2, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Bedford Court
3701 International Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland

April 8, 6:30–9 p.m.
East County Regional Service Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, Maryland

Bioterrorism: What You Need to Know

April 9, 7–8 p.m.
Holy Cross Hospital, Ground Floor Auditoriums
1500 Forest Glen Road
Silver Spring, Maryland

When Your Disks Go: Discussion on Herniated Disk Disease

April 16, 7–8 p.m.
Holy Cross Hospital, Ground Floor Auditoriums

I Have Prostate Cancer—Now What? Psychological Issues

April 29, 7–8 p.m.
Holy Cross Hospital, Ground Floor Auditoriums

Temporary Library Service in Downtown Bethesda

If you miss the convenience of your local library, do not despair. Montgomery County Public Libraries are providing a temporary bookmobile every Friday in the parking lot of the Bethesda Library. While the library undergoes renovations, residents can visit the bookmobile on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. Patrons can borrow, return, and renew library materials at the bookmobile. For more information, call 240-777-0001. The Bethesda Library is located at 7400 Arlington Road in downtown Bethesda.

Suburban Hospital Offers Free Seminar on Women's Health

Half of women over age 50 develop cardiac problems. What's more, heart attacks may affect women worse than they do men. Come hear Dr. Deborah Barbour talk about this and more at a free women's health seminar on Wednesday, April 17, at 1 p.m., at the Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 South Park Avenue in Chevy Chase. Dr. Barbour will discuss the importance of testing, a well-balanced diet, regular exercise, and other preventive measures. She'll also talk about hormone replacement therapy and drugs that lower cholesterol. Registration is required. For more information, call 301-896-3939.

Calling All Artists

If you boast artistic talent, then the Bethesda Urban Partnership needs you! Enter your work into the Taste of Bethesda 2002 Artwork Contest. The winning artwork will represent this year's downtown food and music festival, and the artist will receive \$500. Submissions are due May 31. For more information, call Erin Tench at 301-215-6660.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/index.html>

If everything you're hearing about the human genome goes over your head, don't despair. The National Library of Medicine's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) now has a Web site, "About NCBI," to give you a crash course in molecular biology basics and to put you in touch with up-to-date information. Researchers, educators, students, and the public all can find something useful at "About NCBI." Users can visit the "Science Primer" section to learn about bioinformatics, genome mapping, and what all those acronyms (EST, SNP) mean. The "Model Organism Guide" discusses mammalian and non-mammalian animal models in biomedical research. The Web site also links visitors to valuable resources ranging from important databases to the latest news.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Panic Disorder Study

The National Institute of Mental Health seeks physically healthy volunteers, aged 18 to 50, who suffer from panic disorder. The study includes free evaluations and brain imaging and possible medication or treatment. Compensation is provided. Participants should not be taking any psychiatric medications currently. For more information, call 301-496-5645 (TTY users call 1-866-411-1010).

Turner's Syndrome

If you or someone you know has Turner's Syndrome, you might be eligible for two studies. Call 1-800-411-1222 for more information. Participate at no cost.

Exercise Might Help!

NIH seeks women with fibromyalgia for a study testing the benefits of exercise. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY users call 1-866-411-1010).

Glycoprotein Study

NIH seeks healthy African American, Taiwanese, and Japanese adults, aged 18 and older, to donate one teaspoon of blood. The study will test samples for a platelet membrane glycoprotein that is usually absent from a small percentage of these populations. Compensation is provided. For more information, call D.J. McCloskey at 301-496-5150.

The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931 or send us an e-mail at jh69z@nih.gov. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or e-mail at tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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